

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Snyder**

A Bill

SENATE BILL 209

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-304 TO PROVIDE THAT THE
9 ELECTION POLLING PLACES SHALL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 10:00 P.M.
10 ON THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE
11 UNITED STATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION POLLING PLACES TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 10:00
15 P.M. ON DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
16 STATES."

18 *BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:*

20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-304 is amended to read as follows:*

21 *"57-5-304. Opening and closing polls - Time.*

22 *The polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m., and shall remain open continuously until 7:30 p.m. provided that the county board of*
23 *election commissioners or, in a primary election, the county committee may open the polls prior to 8:00 a.m. but in no instance earlier than 7:00*
24 *a.m. Furthermore the polls shall remain continuously open until 10:00 p.m. at general elections for the President of the United States, if by*
25 *November 30, 1995, five (5) states in the Eastern, Central or Mountain time zones have passed or adopted statutes or regulations that require*
26 *a 10:00 p.m. Central Standard Time closing. The Secretary of State shall determine if such statutes or regulations have been passed or*
27 *adopted and notify each county board of election commissioners that polls shall remain continuously open until 10:00 p.m."*

29 *SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987*
30 *Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.*

32 *SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity*
33 *shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end*
34 *the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.*

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SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/ Senator Snyder